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ground, wherein the associated deck is located between said side plates and in front of said roller and is mounted on said side plates such that the height of said deck relative to the ground is adjustable by changing the position of said deck relative to said side plates.

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~~24~~ (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim ~~24~~ wherein each deck assembly also includes a hydraulic motor which is mounted on said deck and which is drivingly connected to said spindle.

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~~25~~ (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim ~~25~~ wherein each deck assembly includes a set of cutting blades mounted on said spindle for rotation therewith, said set of blades including a lower, leading blade having a leading cutting edge and an upwardly angled trailing edge, and an upper, trailing blade having a leading cutting edge for cutting clippings deflected upwardly by said upwardly angled trailing edge of said leading blade, said trailing blade extending at a non-perpendicular angle relative to said leading blade so that clippings coming off said trailing edge of said leading blade are cut immediately by said trailing blade before said clippings start swirling around within said space.

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~~26~~ (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim ~~26~~ wherein at least two front rotary cutting deck assemblies are mounted on said frame in a side-by-side relationship defining a gap between adjacent front deck assemblies.

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8 (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim 3 wherein at least one rear deck assembly is aligned with said gap.

9 (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim 9 wherein each of said front and rear deck assemblies is pivotable relative to said frame about three mutually perpendicular axes.

10 (New) A gang-type rotary lawn mower comprising:

a frame supported by front and rear wheels for movement over the ground;

B1 a power source which is mounted on said frame and which drives at least two of said wheels;

an operator's seat mounted on said frame;

a steering system enabling the operator to steer said lawn mower;

at least two front rotary cutting deck assemblies mounted to said frame in front of said front wheels and in a side-by-side relationship, wherein each of said front cutting deck assemblies defines a front cutting path; and

at least one rear rotary cutting deck assembly being mounted on said frame behind said front deck assemblies, said rear rotary cutting deck assembly defining a rear cutting path extending laterally to overlap a portion of each of said front cutting paths, wherein each of said front and rear deck assemblies has at least one cutting blade mounted on a spindle for rotation therewith and at least one roller to support each of said deck assemblies for movement over the ground, said roller extending substantially across the entire width of said cutting path.

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30. (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim 29 wherein each deck assembly is connected to said frame by a respective lifting arm operable to lift the associated deck assembly relative to said frame, such that each of said deck assemblies is connected by its own lifting arm to said frame.

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31. (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim 29 wherein each of said front and rear deck assemblies includes a pair of laterally-spaced, generally vertically-extending side plates having forward ends, a first front wheel supporting one of said side plates for movement over the ground, and a second front wheel supporting the other of said side plates for movement over the ground, wherein said roller extends between said side plates and supports said side plates for movement over the ground, wherein the associated deck is located between said side plates and in front of said roller and is mounted on said side plates such that the height of said deck relative to the ground is adjustable by changing the position of said deck relative to said side plates.

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REMARKS

Claim 1 remains pending in the present application. Claims 2-20 have been cancelled. New claims 21-31 have been added. The basis for the new claims may be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

Applicant submits that the claims are patentable over the art of record. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/548,146	Applicant(s) Bednar	
	Examiner Robert Pezzuto	Group Art Unit 3871	

☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____

☐ This action is FINAL.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 21-31 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 21-31 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 3

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Double Patenting

1. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

2. Claims 21-31 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,047,530. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both the patent and the instant application lend themselves to a gang-type mower having a plurality of deck assemblies with a roller supporting and extending substantially the width of the decks.

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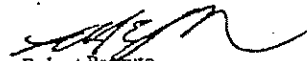
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Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Robert Pezzuto at telephone number (703) 308-1012. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time.
4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr Thomas B Will, can be reached on (703) 308-3870. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-7687


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests an update as to the status of pending Claim 1. In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 21-31 are pending in the application but made no mention to Claim 1. Applicant would not be adverse to a withdrawal of the aforementioned Office Action if a subsequent action including substantive examination of Claims 1, 21-31 and the additional references disclosed herein were to follow.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications, and other information submitted for consideration by the Office (except U.S. patent applications) are listed on HDP-1449 (based on Form PTO-1449), attached hereto.

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II. COPIES

a. X Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S. patent application publication, U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; (iii) for each cited pending U.S. application, the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application which caused it to be listed including the claims directed to that portion; and (iv) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

b. X Any patents, publications or other information which are listed on PTO-1449 or on the copies of PTO-892, but which are not enclosed herewith, were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in one of the following applications which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120:

U.S. Serial Number

U.S. Filing Date

08/794,141 - Now issued Patent No. 6,047,530

February 3, 1997

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE (check at least one box)

a. X Except as may be indicated below in (b), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language (concise explanation not required).

b. _____ A concise explanation of the relevance of each patent, publication or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows (see 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

c. _____ The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

IV. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

a. X The Examiner is advised that the following co-pending application(s) contain(s) subject matter that may be related to the present application. By bringing this(these) application(s) to the Examiner's attention, Applicant(s) does(do) not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. §122.

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The above references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art, contain matter which anticipates the invention, or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

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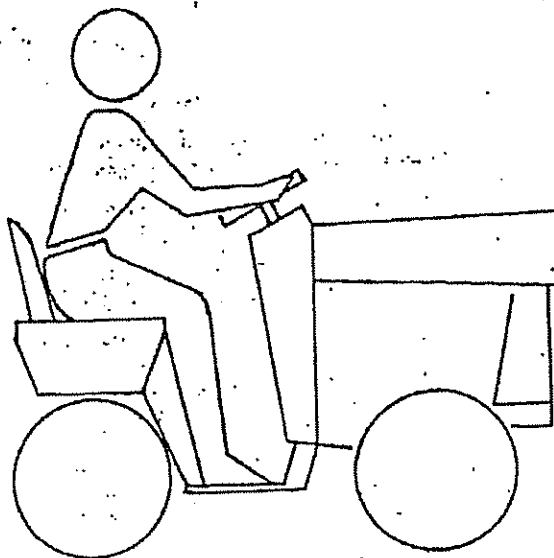
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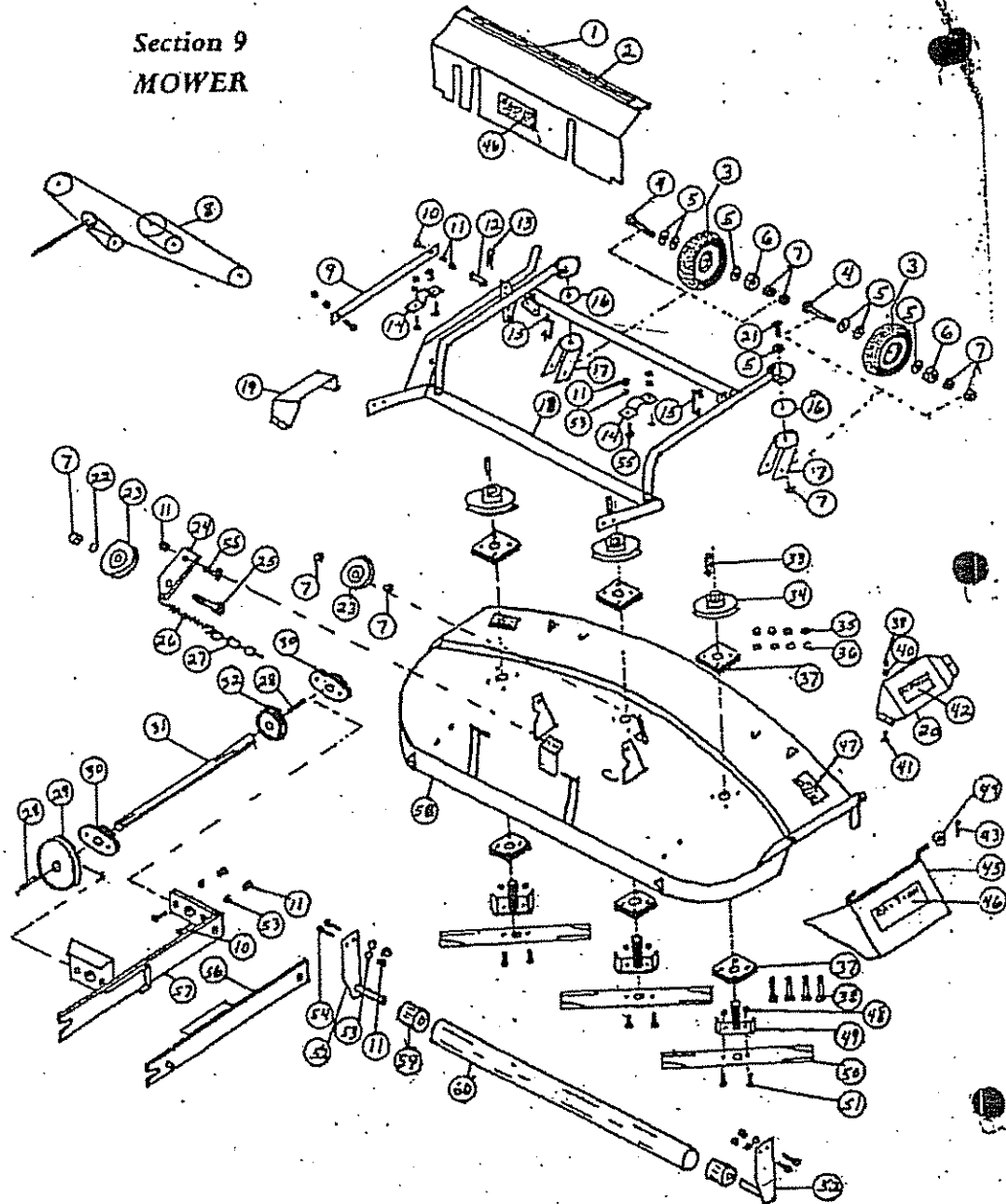
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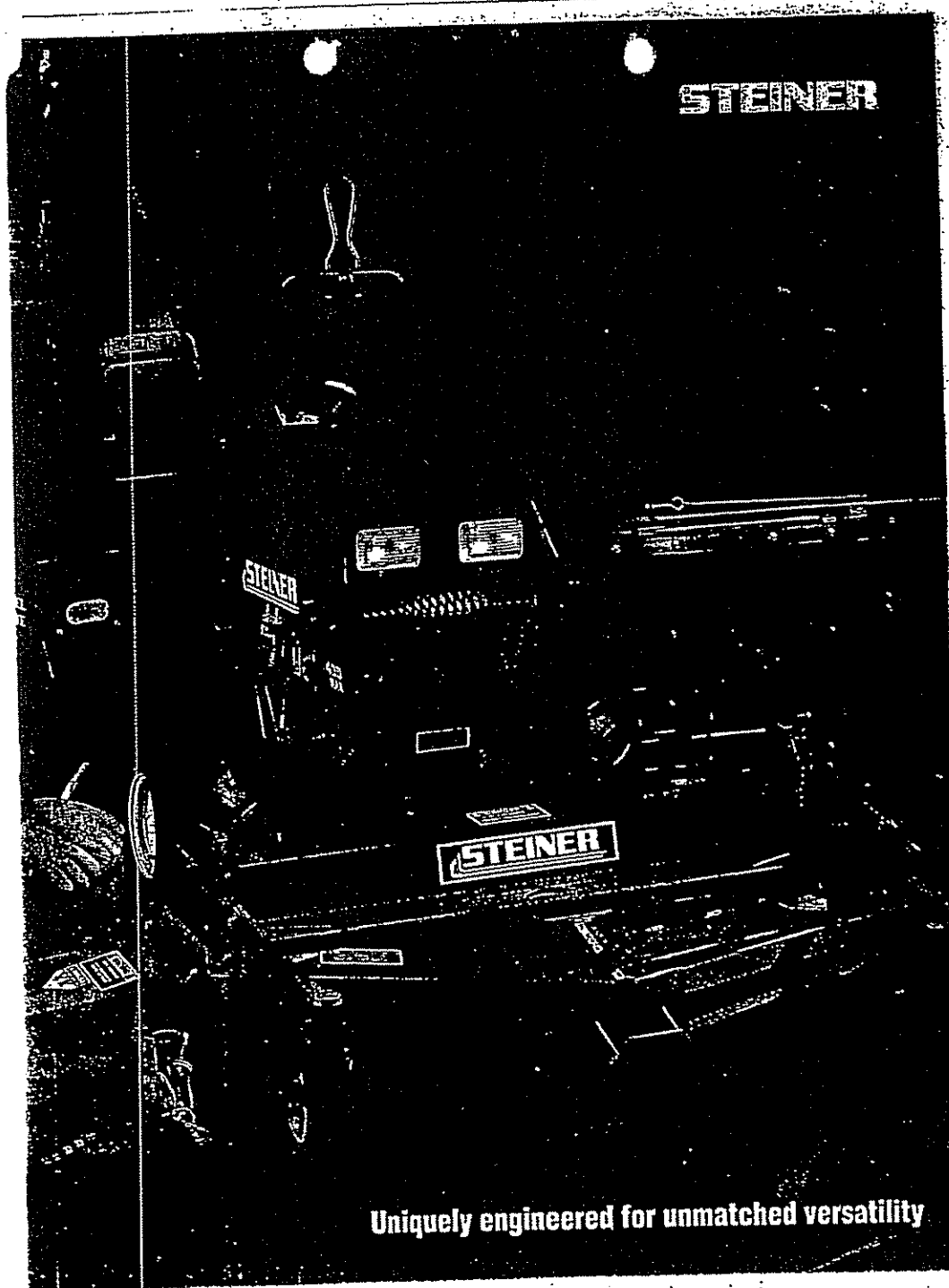


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1	AOS 6032 M	Shield, upper 48"	1
	AOS 6033 M	Shield, upper 60"	1
2	AOS 001	Decal, Steinar	1
3	AOP 5006 M	Wheel Castor	2
4		Bolt, 1/2 x 4-1/2	2
5		Washer, flat	8
6		Spacer, 5/8 nut	2
7		Nut, 1/2"	9
8	AOP 8004 M	Belt, drive 48" (A128)	1
	AOP 8005 M	Belt, drive 60" (A144)	1
9	AOS 4057 M	Strap, lift link 48"	1
	AOS 4058 M	Strap, lift link 60"	1
10		Bolt, 3/8 x 1-1/2	6
11		Nut 3/8	17
12		Pin clevis 5/16 x 1-1/2	1
13		Clip pin 3/32	1
14	AOS 6034 M	Clamp, frame	2
15	AOS 4059 M	Link, lift	2
16	AOS 5009 M	Washer, tonlon	2
17	AOS 5010 M	Castor	1
18	AOS 6035 M	Frame, upper carrier 48"	1
	AOS 6036 M	Frame, upper carrier 60"	1
19	AOS 6037 M	Shield, left 48"	1
	AOS 6039 M	Shield, left 60"	1
20	AOS 6038 M	Shield, right 48"	1
	AOS 6040 M	Shield, right 60"	1
21		Bolt - 1/2 x 1-1/2	2
22		Washer, lock 1/2"	1
23	AOP 8006 M	Pulley, idler 4-1/2" - 1/2" bore	2
24	AOS 6041 M	Bracket idler	1
25		Bolt, 1/2 x 2	1
26	AOP 4022 A	Spring	1
27		Chain, 3/16 4-links	1
28		Key, straight - 3/16 x 1	2
29	AOP 8007 M	Pulley, 5" 3/4" bore	1
30		Bearing, 3/4" 2 bolt flange	2
31	AOS 8008 M	Shaft, drive	1
32	AOP 8009 M	Pulley 4" 3/4" bore	1
33		Key straight, 3/16 x 1	3
34	AOP 8010 M	Pulley, 5" - 1" bore - 48"	3
	AOP 8011 M	Pulley, 6" - 1" bore - 60"	3
35		Nut, 7/16 SAE	12
36		Washer lock - 7/16	12
37		Bearing, 4 bolt flange - 1" bore	6
38		Bolt - 7/16 x 2 SAE	12
39		Nut - 1/4"	4
40		Washer lock - 1/4"	4
41		Bolt 1/4 x 3/4	4
42	AOS 004	Decal, warning	1
43		Collar pin - 1/8" x 1"	5
44		Washer, flat 3/8	1
45	AOS 6042 M	Chute discharge	1
46	AOS 005	Decal, caution	2
47	AOS 006	Decal, danger	2
48		Nut, 5/16	6
49	AOS 8012 M	Spindle, mower	3
50	AOP 8013 M	Blade mower - 48"	3
	AOP 8014 M	Blade, mower - 60"	3
51	AOP 8015 M	Bolt special	6
52	AOS 6043 M	Support roller left - 48"	1
	AOS 6045 M	Support roller left - 60"	1
	AOS 6044 M	Support roller right - 48"	1
	AOS 6046 M	Support roller right - 60"	1
53		Washer, lock 3/8	12
54		Bolt - 3/8 x 1-1/4"	4
55		Bolt - 3/8 x 1"	5
56	AOS 6048 M	Arm, attaching right	1
57	AOS 6047 M	Arm attaching, left	1
58	AOS 6049 M	Deck - 48"	1
	AOS 6050 M	Deck - 60"	1
59	AOS 8016 M	Bearing, wood, roller	2
60	AOS 8017 M	Roller - 48"	1
	AOS 8018 M	Roller - 60"	1



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We developed the Steiner turf tractor to be a brilliant performer on yards, grounds and estates. But mowing and routine grounds maintenance are only the beginning of the Steiner's many time- and effort-saving skills.

In less than five minutes, the unique Quick-Hitch™ attachments enable your Steiner to become nearly any kind of maintenance machine you can imagine. You can sweep, blow, grade, scoop, till, cut, aerate and more. And you'll find all Steiner attachments are exceptionally easy to use, ready to work hard – and built to last.



Computerized turret punch/plasma machine

All tractors are built to work hard. Steiners are built to work harder, longer.

More than 20 years ago, the first Steiner was painstakingly hand-built by skilled craftsmen in the Steiner family machine shop. Today, the machine shop has given way to a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Dalton, Ohio, where robotics bring computerized precision to everything our craftsmen do.



Automated press brake forms metal



Painting in the multi-stage paint system

But one thing hasn't changed: We build each Steiner as if we were going to use it ourselves. We support our turf tractors with a full year warranty in commercial use and two years in residential use.

Years from now, you'll realize the true value of a Steiner. You'll have enjoyed many seasons of hard work, unmatched versatility and consistent performance.



Robotic welder at work

And Steiners traditionally hold their value extremely well, which will benefit you at trade-in or resale. All Steiner attachments also carry a one-year warranty except the trencher and chipper/shredder which have a 90 day warranty.

Assembly line



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size and power, the ultimate Steiner turf tractor.

model 525

ACCESSORIES
ROPS APPROVED ROLL BAR
THREE POINT HITCH
WEIGHT BAR (FRONT OR REAR)
CAB (HEATED, ROPS APPROVED)
SUSPENSION SEAT

Everything we've learned about building turf tractors has gone into the design and manufacture of our largest model, the Steiner 525. Its 23.5-hp Kubota water-cooled engine and smooth, foot-pedal operated 4-wheel drive give it the strength to power its way through the heaviest of heavy duty tasks. But this machine also offers high levels of handling and driver comfort, as its turning capabilities and softly cushioned ride allow the Steiner 525 to tread lightly on your grounds.



Steiner's Quick-Ritch™ System allows you to easily switch to any attachment in one to five minutes.



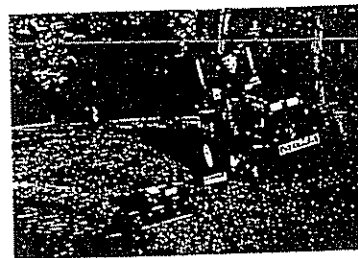
Drive forward until the hitch-arms engage the attachment arm pins.

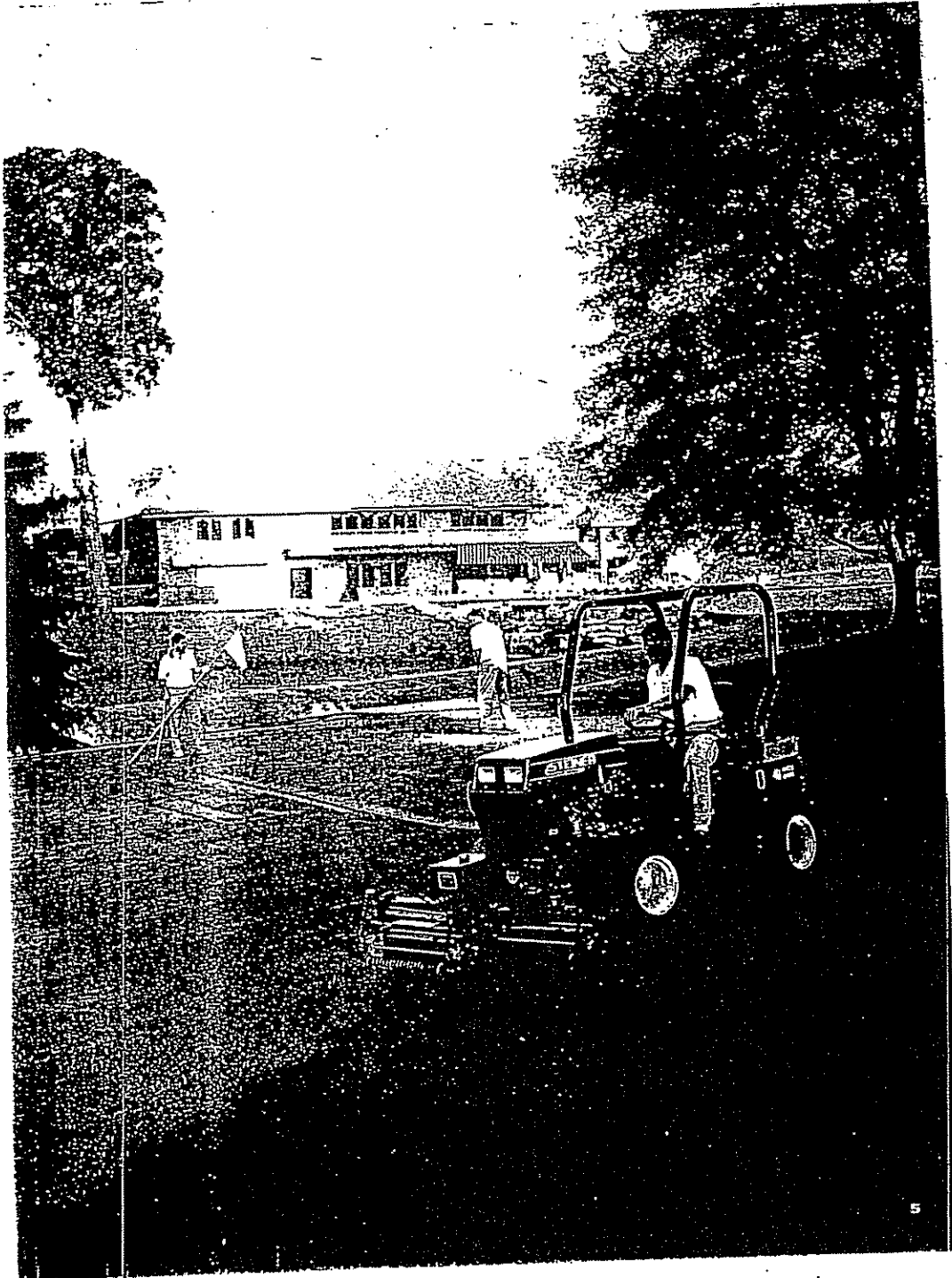


Release the spring-loaded lever with one hand.

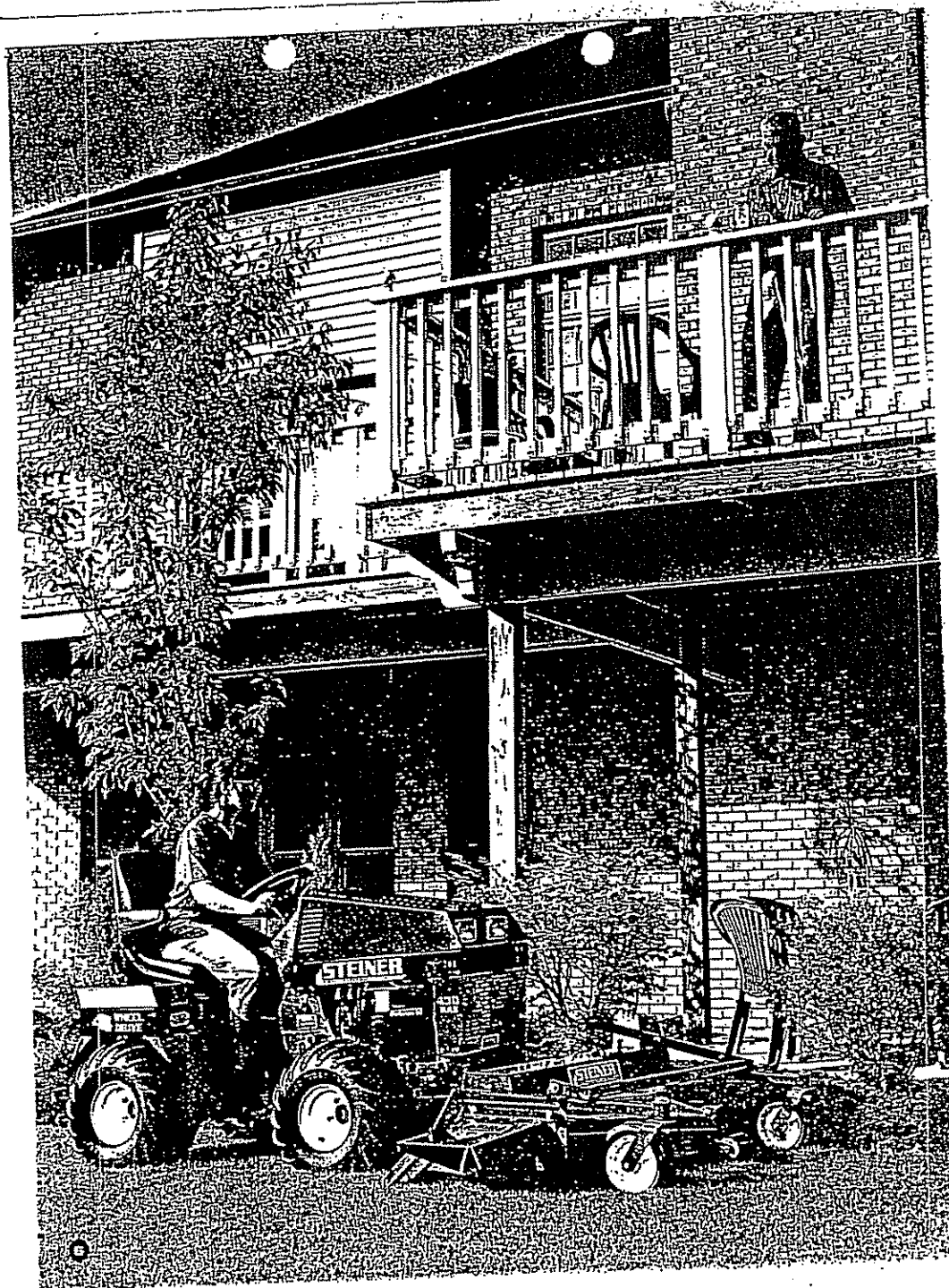


Install the bell drive and go to work.





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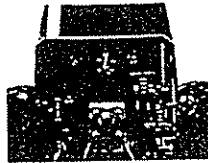


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power, versatility and comfort to the max.

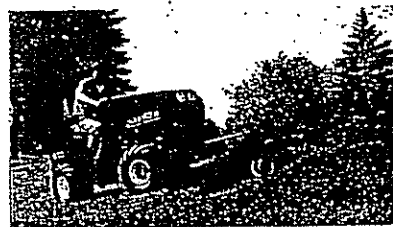
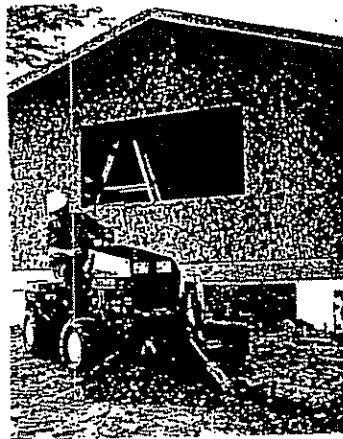
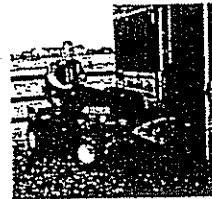
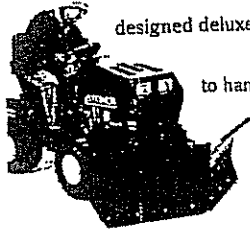
model 430

The Steiner 430 Max takes a good idea and makes it better. We begin with a strong foundation, including our constant 4-wheel drive, articulated frame, hydrostatic transmission and power steering. Then, we provide your choice of four engines capable of 20-25 hp. To keep you comfortably in command, you sit in an ergonomically designed deluxe seat and use a new hydrostat control that falls readily to hand. And Quick-Hitch™ attachments and accessories are available to provide a wide range of capabilities.



ACCESSORIES

ROPS APPROVED ROLL BAR
THREE POINT HITCH
WEIGHT BAR (FRONT OR REAR)
CAB
SUSPENSION SEAT
TURF TIRES
DUAL WHEELS



Simply designed to work harder for you.

model 410

ADDITIONAL FEATURES
WEIGHT BAR
AUXILIARY HYDRAULIC CONTROL
BAR TIRE OPTION
TURF TIRES STANDARD

The Steiner 410 takes many of the capabilities of our more powerful turf tractors and makes them

available in a more affordable model. Powered by a 16-hp

Onan Performer engine, the Steiner 410 offers the same advanced engineering that makes Steiner unique, including constant 4-wheel drive, an articulated frame and power

steering. With your choice of Quick-Hitch™ attachments, the Steiner 410 shares one

other characteristic of our larger models — it's highly accomplished at giving you more than you expect from a turf tractor.

